

## Environmental Protection Agency

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(1) Approve the program and delegate authority to the State to administer the program if he determines that the requirements of § 67.11 have been and will be met; or

(2) Request additional information if he determines that the information submitted is not sufficient to allow him to determine whether the requirements of § 67.11 have been and will be met; or

(3) Disapprove the State program if he determines that the information submitted establishes that the requirements of § 67.11 have not been or will not be met.

(b) The Administrator shall notify the State in writing of his action under paragraph (a) of this section and shall state the reasons for his action.

(c) In all cases of delegation (whether or not express provision is made in the notice of delegation) the Administrator shall retain continuing authority to issue notices of noncompliance, review exemption requests or penalty calculations, or take any other steps set forth in part 66 to assess and collect these penalties. Such authority shall be exercised pursuant to the provisions of § 67.21.

(d) The Administrator shall retain exclusive authority to assess and collect penalties against source owners or operators of facilities in the State who were issued notices of noncompliance pursuant to part 66 prior to the effective date of the delegation, except to the extent the Administrator specifically delegates such authority to the State.

### § 67.14 Amendments to the program.

A State or local agent with a program approved pursuant to § 67.13 may propose amendments to that program to the Administrator. The Administrator shall evaluate whether the State or local agent's program as amended would conform to the requirements of § 67.11 and shall respond as provided in § 67.13.

### § 67.15 Revocation.

If the Administrator determines that a State with a program approved under § 67.13 is not administering the program in conformity with the requirements of the Act or § 67.11, or the delegation of

authority, he shall provide the State written notice of that determination, setting forth his reasons. Copies of all supporting materials shall accompany the notice if requested, or shall be placed on file in the appropriate Regional Office and made available for inspection during normal business hours. The State shall have 90 days in which to respond in writing to this determination. If the Administrator finds after reviewing the State response that (a) the State is in fact administering the program in conformity with § 67.11, or (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe the State program will immediately be brought into conformity with that section, he shall withdraw his determination. If he finds that neither of these conditions has been met, he shall withdraw the delegation of authority to the State.

## Subpart C—Federal Notice of Noncompliance to Sources in States With Approved Programs

### § 67.21 Federal notice of noncompliance to owners or operators of sources in States with approved programs.

(a) The Administrator shall issue a notice of noncompliance to the owner or operator of any source in a State with an approved program if he determines that the State or its local agent has failed to issue such notice, provided that he shall first give 30 days notice to the State of his intent to issue a notice of noncompliance to the owner or operator of the source in question unless the State or its agent does so first. Any notice issued by the Administrator pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be issued pursuant to the provisions of part 66.

(b) The issuance of a notice of noncompliance shall operate to withdraw EPA delegation of authority to the State with respect to the particular facility in question.

(c) If the Administrator determines that the State or local agent has issued a notice of noncompliance but has failed to pursue diligently subsequent steps for the assessment and collection of the penalty, he shall notify the

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State of his intent to withdraw delegation of authority to the State with respect to the facility in question and take appropriate actions pursuant to part 66 unless the State or local agent, within 30 days, takes appropriate action in accordance with the requirements of this part. In either case the penalty will be calculated from the date of the State notice.

### **Subpart D—EPA Review of State Compliance or Exemption Decisions**

#### **§ 67.31 Review by the Administrator.**

(a) The Administrator may, on his own initiative, review any determination by a State or its agent that a source owner or operator is or is not in compliance with applicable legal requirements or is or is not entitled to an exemption, to determine whether that determination conforms to the requirements of the Act and part 66 (as modified by § 67.11).

(b) The Administrator shall review any such determination upon receipt of a petition alleging that the State's determination does not conform to the requirements of the Act and part 66 (as modified by § 67.11). Such petition must be filed within 20 days of issuance of the State's decision.

(c) The Administrator shall give notice in writing to the State or local agent, to the owner or operator of the source, and to the petitioner of his intent to review the determination. Such notice shall be given within 90 days of the Administrator's receipt of the State or local agent's determination. Unless otherwise provided, such notice shall not withdraw EPA's delegation of authority to the State or local agent over the particular facility in question.

(d) No such State determination shall become final until the expiration of 90 days after the Administrator's receipt of the notice required by § 67.11(b)(5).

(1) If the Administrator does not issue a notice of intent to review within that period, the State determination shall, upon expiration of such period, constitute final action of the Administrator under section 120 of the Act.

(2) If the Administrator issues a notice of intent to review within that period, the State determination shall not

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become final until the Administrator takes final action after reviewing the determination.

(e) Except as otherwise provided, a State determination shall be approved if there was a reasonable basis in law and in fact for making the determination.

#### **§ 67.32 Procedure where no formal State hearing was held.**

(a) In reviewing a decision that a source is in compliance with applicable legal requirements or entitled to an exemption for which no hearing conforming to § 67.11(b) (4) or (6) was held, the Administrator shall evaluate the accuracy and adequacy of the documents transmitted to him pursuant to § 67.11(b)(5) and shall invite submission of comments on issues identified by him as relevant to his review.

(b) If the Administrator concludes that no hearing need have been held and that the State determination was correct, he shall notify the State, the source owner or operator, and other participants of his determination, which shall constitute final agency action by EPA under authority of section 120. If the Administrator concludes that the petition of the source owner or operator presented information which, if true, would have altered the owner or operator's liability for a penalty, he shall upon notice to the State or local agent schedule a hearing in accordance with subpart E of part 66. Such notice shall operate as a withdrawal of EPA's delegation of authority to the State or local agent over the facility in question unless the State or local agent schedules a hearing within 15 days of receipt of the notice.

(c) If the Administrator concludes that the State determination did not conform to the requirements of the Act or of part 66 (as modified by § 67.11), he shall by written notice revoke the determination. Such revocation shall operate as a withdrawal of EPA's delegation of authority to the State or local agent over the facility in question. The source owner or operator may then petition for review of the Administrator's decision pursuant to the provisions of § 66.13.

(d) Unless otherwise provided in the Administrator's notice to the State or